

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BULLETIN 11-5

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To: Agency Workers' Compensation Coordinators

Subject: CorCareRx (CCRx) Reduces Your Agency's Work Comp Costs

Background:

We are pleased to announce that during FY 2011, the pharmacy benefit management plan offered through CorVel went from a usage rate of 43% to 71%. Directing more employees to use the CorCareRx (CCRx) plan saves workers' compensation costs as the average prescription filled has a cost savings of 8 to 10% through CCRx. These savings when added up across all workers' compensation claims are a significant cost reduction for state government.

With your continued help, it is our goal to continue to increase the percentage of employees using CCRx when they need to fill a prescription for their workers' compensation injuries. Here is how CCRx works.

Shortly after submitting notice of an injury (First Report of Injury), state employees will receive a letter from CorVel with instructions on to how to fill workers' compensation-related prescriptions. The letter will include a personal identification card along with a list of pharmacies in the employees area where they can get their prescriptions filled.

Once employees receive the card, it is mandatory that they use it. Use of the prescription card brings employees the following benefits:

- · No out-of-pocket expense
- Eliminates the need for employees to request reimbursement for the costs of prescriptions

The card can only be used for prescriptions related to their wokers' compensation injury. The issuance of the card is tied to the timing of the submission of First Report of Injury forms and is automated. There is no call necessary by the agency or the employee to CorVel to activate this benefit.

Requested Action

Your agency can increase initial usage immediately following a work-related injury by providing employees with a First-Fill Prescription sheet that employees can use <u>one-time</u> to fill any prescription that their doctor might prescribe before the employee receives a CCRx pharmacy card

from CorVel. To use the First-Fill Prescription sheet, click on the link below and copy the sheet and give it to employees when they first report their work injuries.

CCRx First-Fill Prescription Sheet for Employees

http://www.admin.state.mn.us/risk/wc/documents/CorVelCorCareRxFirstFill.pdf

If you have questions about CCRx, please contact the CCRx Team at (800) 563-8438 or at pharmacy_center@corvel.com Thank you for your help in increasing the usage of the CCRx cards for employees with workers' compensation injuries.

Sincerely,

Gary Westman, Manager

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